

SENATE RESOLUTION
2003-8604

By Senators Franklin, Sheahan, Winsley, Haugen, Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Johnson, B. Sheldon, Eide, Fraser, Shin, Parlette, Thibaudeau, Hale, Brandland, Kline, Deccio, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Brown, Doumit, Kastama, Keiser, Spanel, Carlson, Honeyford, Horn, Schmidt, Mulliken, Stevens, Regala, West, Finkbeiner and Esser

WHEREAS, Today is dedicated to celebrating the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, His life was dedicated to serving his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Service is a powerful way to commemorate his teachings with action and, in that action, make our nation better; and

WHEREAS, In serving others, we strengthen the bonds of humanity while breaking the chains of injustice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King believed that a person's worth should not be measured by his or her color, culture, or class but rather by his or her commitment to making life better for all through service rendered to each other; and

WHEREAS, A day of service reflecting the values and teachings of Dr. King brings people together and helps to break down social, economic, and cultural barriers that divide our nation; and

WHEREAS, A commitment to bringing all people together - regardless of race, creed, religion, or station in life - to face the challenges of this new century would honor Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Since 1994, Americans have kept Dr. King's legacy alive on this holiday by serving in their communities, because serving is "the great equalizer"; and

WHEREAS, Residents of Washington can help make service the common duty of all Americans on this holiday by making it a day of action, not apathy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Washington State Senate, on behalf of the people of our state, do, in recognition of the outstanding leadership and courage demonstrated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., honor his memory by urging all citizens of our state to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a day of service.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8604,
adopted by the Senate
January 20, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate